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LEAST AS FAR AS GOV IS CONCERNED. CAP AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE ALL STATED THAT INCIDENT HAS ENDED AND ARE NOW TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION TO OTHER SUBJECTS. MEDIA COVERAGE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL WITH STORIES OUT OF HEADLINES AND BACK ON PAGE SIX OR EIGHT, SUPERSEDED BY NIEHOUS CASE, UGANDAN SITUATION, OPEC PRICE HIKE, ETC. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY VENEZUELAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE HAS LONG ARTICLE (S) ON CIA WHICH ARE, OF COURSE, DEFAMATORY, AND TEND TO WHIP UP PUBLIC ANTI-PATHY TOWARDS AGENCY. THEN TOO, THERE IS STILL MATTER OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CIA WHICH TWO DAYS AGO CAP SEEMED TO BE INSTIGATING IN TWO MEETINGS WITH JOSE VICENTE RANGEL AND POMPEYO MARQUEZ OF MAS AND JESUS FARIA OF THE PCV. NEVERTHELESS, ON THE WHOLE, THE INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE SEEMS TO BE DROPPING OFF AND DYING OUT RATHER RAPIDLY.

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3. LIAISONS WITH DIM AND DISIP CONTINUE AS BEFORE- IF ANYTHING, ODDLY WE ARE GETTING A LITTLE MORE OUT OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS THAN BEFORE THE FLAP. AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS ON LIAISON BEFORE HE LEFT ON CONSULTATION VISIT WERE "BUSINESS AS USUAL" AND LET THEM MAKE FIRST BREAK IF THEY WANT TO". IT WAS AMBASSADOR'S OPINION THAT WHILE CAP WAS BLASTING CIA PUBLICLY HE

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 [WOULD NOT WANT TO SEVER ALL TIES] ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR, STILL
 SOMETHING OF A POLLYANNA AT SUCH TIMES, SERIOUSLY UNDERTIMATED
 CAP'S INTENTION TO [PNG TWO OF US] AN ACTION WHICH CAME WITHIN
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 ONE HOUR OF OCCURRING. ANYWAY, THROUGOUT ALL OF THIS [BOTH DIM
 AND DISIP] HAVE CONTINUED THEIR CONTACTS AND HAVE TRIED TO BE AS
 FRIENDLY AND UNDERSTANDING, PERHAPS EVEN [COVERTLY] HELPFUL, AS
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 SITUATION WOULD ALLOW. TYPICAL OF [LIAISON] ATTITUDE IS [DIM, COLONEL
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 CATALAN'S] CONVERSATION WITH CRYMM DURING PEAK OF CRISIS
 HAVING DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF TOPICS OF [COMMON OPS] INTEREST,
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 [CATALAN] ASKED CRYMM, "WELL OTHERWISE, HOW ARE THINGS GOING?"
 CRYMM REPLIED, "YOU WHOULD KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT", TO WHICH
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 [CATALAN] SAID, SOMEWHAT GLUMLY, "YET, I SUPPOSE SO".

4. WE SHOULD NOT FOOL OURSELVES IN THINKING THAT THE WORLD
 HERE IS NOT DIFFERENT, HOWEVER. WKSCARLET-9 COVERTLY REPORTED
 THAT DISIP HAS DEFINITELY TAPPED AT LEAST COS'S HOME PHONE,
 LIAISON OFFICER'S OFFICE LINE, AND TELEPHONES OF EX-COS LABANOW
 AND JOE MANN, LOCAL NEW YORK TIMES REPRESENTATIVE. CAP HIMSELF
 INSTRUCTED DISP DIRECTOR TO GO OUT AND GET CIA AND INDICATED TO
 AMBASSADOR HE WAS HAVING SECURITY SERVICES LOOK INTO CIA
 CONTACT IN VENEZUELA, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH JOURNALISTS. TWICE

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IN LAST COUPLE OF DAYS STATION CASE OFFICERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED WHAT CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE SURVEILLANCES. WKIDET-3 REPORTS THAT LAST WEEK CUBAN AMBASSADOR HERNANDEZ VISITED CAP AND PROVIDED HIM A LIST OF ALL CIA PERSONNEL AND AGENTS THE CUBANS KNOW TO BE OPERATING IN VENEZUELA. SO, AS CAN BE SEEN BY ALL OF THIS, THE RELATIVELY EASY OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE RECENT PAST NO LONGER PERTAIN- PERHAPS THEY NEVER WILL AGAIN- AND WHILE WE ARE NOT BECOMING PARANOID NOR WILL WE BE UNDULY SPOOKED, WE HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE NEW AMBIENTE AND ARE NOW BEING MUCH MORE CONSERVATIVE AND CAUTIOUS IN OUR ACTIVITIES THAN BEFORE.

5. NO FILE. E2, IMPDET.

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